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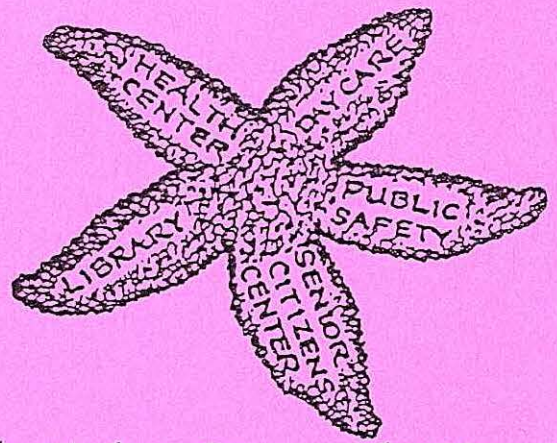
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# Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

November 2013

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## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Tues., 11/19/13  
at St. Christopher's Parish House  
7:00pm – 8:30pm.

New group open to all Islanders, men & women, with any type of cancer at any point along their journey from diagnosis through survivorship.

The group will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The group will be facilitated by Barbara Hoppin and Anne-Marie O'Rourke, who have been trained as Cancer Support Group Facilitators through the Cancer Community Center,

Please contact Barbara or Anne-Marie with any questions you may have.

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## TAXI NEWS

### Good Bye, Charlie

On October 19, Peaks Islanders gathered at the Peaks Island Baptist Church to say good bye to Charlie Shull. The pot luck supper was sponsored by PITEA, Charlie had been a part of that group helping at the suppers to raise funds to help residents with taxes and fuel oil. Judy Piawlock with the taxi board organized a farewell money tree. Peaks Islanders gave generously to let Charlie know how much they had appreciated his steadfast service driving the taxi. Stories of Charlie's many acts of kindness beyond driving of the taxi were shared as folks had dinner. We wish Charlie and Teresa well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

This will be a time of transition for the taxi. Filling the gap left by Charlie's departure will not be easy. Current drivers have stepped forward to do more driving. Ultimately we hope to recruit two or three new drivers to share the driving. Contact Judy Piawlock for information about becoming a driver.

Please remember to call ahead – 518-0000 -- so our drivers will have adequate time to pick you up and get you to boat on time!



## FRIENDS OF TEIA

Did you know that last summer 63 year round Peaks Island children received "camperships" to attend the summer programs offered at TEIA. Many of the children were honing in skills learned in past summers and many were first timers learning the basics of sailing, or maybe tennis, or attending the kid's camp program or participating in the new musical theater camp. One child wrote to Friends of TEIA....."Thank you for sponsoring me for sailing again this summer. It is a very generous way to connect island children with summer kids year after year in a fun and unique setting and at the same time learn a life time skill that few people have."

The FRIENDS OF TEIA's annual appeal for your financial support begins in November and we encourage all islanders and businesses to think about what Friends does for your children or your neighbor's children and support us as you can.

Your tax deductible contribution may be sent to Friends of TEIA PO Box 87 Peaks Island ME 04108.

Thank you for helping to make special summer memories and learning opportunities for our island children.

### St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Sunday Mass is at 10 AM followed by fellowship in the Parish House. All are invited and details are at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).

For questions concerning Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage, please contact Father Lou.

Share Scripture with Islanders each Thursday in the Parish House at 9:30 AM. FMI, email Michele.Bernier@portlanddiocese.org or call 773-7746, ext. 105.

Cancer Support Group is a new group that will meet from 7 to 8:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov 19th in the Parish House.

AA meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish House.

Support Group for anyone who would like to discuss challenges in their life meets Thursdays November 7 and 21 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Parish House. This is an opportunity to meet in a quiet space and spend time talking with Peaks neighbors. All are welcome.

### Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Although our Portland Fire Department continues to work with the Island CERT, we need more volunteers!

Please come to our regular monthly meeting at the Community Center at 6:15 PM on November 18th to learn more about how you can help Islanders during a disaster!

For more information, call Albert Bleau  
at 766-0007 or 781-962-2662.



Peaks Island Health Center  
87 Central Ave.

**Hours: Monday and Thursday: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Kitty Gilbert, Family Nurse Practitioner, provides care for all ages.  
Please call either **766-2929** or **874-2466** for an appointment.

Please note the changeover to the Health Center's **winter schedule**. We have had requests for extended hours and the inclusion of Wednesdays in order to better accommodate school-age children. Maine Medical Family Practice is working on the best way to meet community needs.

Just this week, the following Peaks residents were elected to serve another term on the **Health Center Board**: Marge Powers-President, Chuck Radis-Vice President, Connie Hurley/Kay Taylor: co-secretaries, Nelson Hill-Treasurer, Carol Kinney, Bud Higgins, Kathy McCarthy, Priscilla Webster, Jane Banquer, Janine Blatt, Vonnie Fieldsend, Stephanie Castle, Jill Tiffany, Jon Kelso, Sandy Aube-Langella. We are dedicated to ensuring the availability of quality healthcare on Peaks Island and appreciate hearing your comments and suggestions.

**Cancer Support Group:** starting **Tuesday, November 19, 7-8 PM** at **St. Christophers Parish House**. It is open to all Islanders, men & women, who have had cancer or are going through diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The group will be facilitated by Barbara Hoppin and Anne Marie O'Rourke, who have both been trained as facilitators through the Cancer Community Center. If you have questions, you may contact Barbara Hoppin at [bahoppin@aol.com](mailto:bahoppin@aol.com), or Anne Marie O'Rourke at [amorourke17@gmail.com](mailto:amorourke17@gmail.com)

**PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP:** 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854  
[www.picw.org](http://www.picw.org)



The PICW will be closed Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Veteran's Day

On Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual Stone Soup Celebration at noon! All are welcome. Please RSVP to [michelle@picw.org](mailto:michelle@picw.org) if you will attend. We will be closing for the Thanksgiving Holiday at 1pm and will reopen Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The PICW is accepting applications for our WAIT-LIST.  
Contact Celeste at [celeste@picw.org](mailto:celeste@picw.org) for applications

The Board of the PICW is always open to suggestions and communication from the community. Please contact us through Board Chair, Gerry Ney at [gney@kaplan.edu](mailto:gney@kaplan.edu)

## Brckett Memorial United Methodist Church

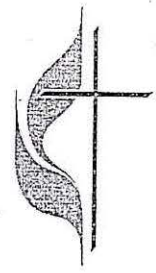
*Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds*

*We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, and Reconciling Congregation*

9 Church Ave., Peaks Island, ME 04108

Rev. Angela Tarbox, Pastor

207-766-5013; [www.brackettmumc.org](http://www.brackettmumc.org); [brackettmumc@yahoo.com](mailto:brackettmumc@yahoo.com)



**Anyone is welcome to join any of our worship, fellowship, or mission opportunities.**

**Sunday Morning Worship** at 10am. Followed by an informal time of food and fellowship in the church hall.

**Adult Scripture Study** Tuesdays, 9-10:30am at Beth Childs' home. **\*\*Note the time change!\*\***

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm at the parsonage.

**Peaks Island Food Pantry** at Brackett Church Mondays, 3:30-5p; Thursdays, 9:30-11a. If you would like to donate non-perishable food, there are drop-off locations at the Community Center and Brackett Church.

### Special Events in November:

**Sunday, November 3** – 2pm The PIPs (Peaks Island Puppets) return to Brackett with a brand new show for all ages! Tickets are \$5 collected at the door.

**Sunday, November 10** – 3pm Veterans' Day Remembrance in Story and Song to benefit the Peaks Island Food Pantry. Admission is free and open to all, but a donation of non-perishable food or money would be greatly appreciated!

**Tween Nites** – Tween Nites (generously co-sponsored by the Peaks Island Fund) If you are in grades 6-8, join us every other Friday from 6:30-9pm for some food and fun! November 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**BYG Time** – The Brackett Youth Group is a Christian group for youth in grades 6-8 to talk about God and to serve others through commitment to social justice issues they care most about. This group meets every other Friday from 6:30-9pm. November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**After School Bible School** – If you are in grades K-5, come up to the Brackett Church on Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30pm for a fun Vacation Bible School style afternoon. We have snacks, games, videos and activities that help us to learn more about God and to experience God's love in our lives.

**Wrapped in Love!** – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from noon-5pm (that's Black Friday for all you deal shoppers out there), Peaks Island youth will be available in the Casco Bay Lines terminal to gift wrap your treasures for free! So stop by, say hello and get your presents ready for the holidays!



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

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Peaks Island, Maine 04108

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Another season has come and gone. The 5th Maine was busier than ever, welcoming a record number of folks from all parts of the country, as well as hosting various community activities. There was music in the hall, art on the porch, and pancakes to share as well as a final Harvest supper. You celebrated her 125th birthday and you came together as a community to wish her well, eat some cake, give good cheer and renew yourselves on that sun drenched, sultry day in July. Although the veterans built her for their own respite, they left her to the Peaks Island community, asking only that we safeguard the treasures within, keep the building in good repair and offer shelter to the community for their activities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support, your kind donations of time, talent and capital. We wish you well throughout the year and hope to see you on 'The Porch' come Spring... for new and exciting happenings.



## **November at the Peaks Island Branch Library**

in the Community Building    766-5540    email [peaks@portland.lib.me.us](mailto:peaks@portland.lib.me.us)

Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

**Author Program:** On Tuesday, November 19, the Friends of the Peaks Island Library will host Peaks Island Author Julie Fisher Melton, who will present a program relating to her newly published book, *Importing Democracy: The Role of NGOs in South Africa, Tajikistan, & Argentina*. The program will be at 7 pm in the Community Room. Watch for flyers about her topic. Come. Bring a Friend.

**Nursery Rhyme Time** for infants and toddlers is on Wednesdays at 10:15 am.  
**Preschool Story Time** is on Fridays at 10:15.

**First Tuesdays Book Discussion:** Books to read during the next three months are *Tortilla Flat* by John Steinbeck for the meeting on December 3; *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout for January 7; and *My Beloved World* by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor for February 4. Please call, email, or come into the library if you would like to reserve a copy of the book. Meetings are usually in the Community Room, starting at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome at any meeting. On Election Day, November 5, for *My Name Is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira, the meeting will be on the library balcony as voting will be in the Community Room.

### **Peaks Island Elementary School**

Twice a week, PIES students walk down to the Zimmerman's dock to haul up a specially-designed lobster trap and look to see what is inside. They carefully count and measure the many crabs and several lobsters that are crawling around in the trap. Ask any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader how to tell the difference between a rock crab and a Jonah crab, or how to tell whether a lobster is male or female, and they'll give you an answer right away. This is part of the WeatherBlur project, which is sponsored by the Island Institute. Students are collecting data about bycatch in lobster traps and are comparing their data with information collected by students from Long Island, Cliff Island, Chebeague Island and North Haven, as well as interested fishermen. Island Fellow, Maggie Small, is teaching the children how to think and act like scientists as they investigate our coastal island habitat.

Many thanks to our PTO for the successful fall fundraising effort! The *CloseBuy* fundraiser is now complete and orders will be shipped at the beginning of December. The PTO also continues to collect items such as yogurt containers and chip bags for recycling, as well as Box Tops for Education. Contact Michele Alves, (one amazing recycler!), for more information.

We enjoyed seeing most of our families at our Fall Open House evening on October 24th. We are so fortunate to have a community where investment in children is a top priority. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

### **SENIOR LUNCHEON NEWS**

The October Luncheon was a great success! Thanks to all who attended and shared in the delicious comfort foods. The Seniors will have their next potluck luncheon on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fay Garman House. Please join us at noon and bring your favorite recipe for all to enjoy. All Seniors are welcome!



## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (not on island on holidays). Best way to contact Denise is via email at [d1m@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:d1m@portlandmaine.gov); you may also leave a message at 766-2970. The facility calendar can be checked on-line at <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp> but you still need to contact Denise to reserve.

### COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

This annual community-wide event takes place at the living tree “down front” from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Join in the fun as we decorate the tree, sing and then count down for the lighting of the tree. We will gather at Peaks Café afterwards for refreshments. Please bring food or monetary donations for the Food Pantry. Check island bulletin boards in case of snow.

#### MOVIE: *FEVER PITCH*

Monday, November 4 1:00 – 2:45 pm (com. room)

Let the baseball season continue for one more day! Enjoy this love story of one man’s struggle to balance his love of a woman and his love for the Boston Red Sox.

#### THURSDAY KNITTING/CHATTING SOCIALS

Thursday, November 7, 14, and 21 10:45am-12:30pm

Knitting continues in the com. rm.; we are also selling some items we’ve been making for charity. Dish/wash cloths are \$2 each; hats are \$7. Proceeds will buy gloves & socks. Bring your own lunch; hot chocolate and tea available

#### MOVIE: *THE PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS*

Thursday, November 14 1:00 – 3:00 pm (com. room)

This moving tale is based on the life of Chris Gardner, an on-and-off-homeless salesman-turned stockbroker. Chris (played by Will Smith) rises above his obstacles, with the love and trust of his 5-year-old son (played by Will Smith’s own son Jaden Smith).

#### SHOPPING OFF-ISLAND TRIP

##### RENY’S, MARDENS, S TREE

Monday, November 18 12:45 pm boat/5:30 pm

Travel to Saco/Biddeford for a pre-holiday shopping spree. Van fee from CBL = \$4 (minimum is 6). Register by 11/14

#### “MYSTERY” TEA – POT LUCK

Thursday, November 21 Meet at com. rm at 12:45 pm

Let’s repeat last month’s successful tea; bring something to share as we will be the hosts. See ideas on bulletin board.

#### THANKSGIVING BINGO: Prizes to be thankful for!

Monday, November 25 1:00 -2:00 pm (com. rm.)

Fun and laughter. Please bring donations for Food Pantry.

#### MAKING DECORATIONS and ORNAMENTS

Monday, December 2 Drop in from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

Open to all ages. Stop by the com. room to make ornaments for the island “living tree”. Using recycled cards, bring some decorations home too. Share your creative ideas!



### Saturday Night Movies in November



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Nov	6 PM	Nov	8 PM
2	<i>Hotel Transylvania</i> (2012) PG, 91 min.	2	<i>My Afternoons With Margueritte</i> (2010) NR, 83 min
9	<i>A Monster in Paris</i> (2011) PG, 90 min	9	<i>Pather Panchali</i> (1955) NR, 126 min
16	<i>The Croods</i> (2013) PG, 98 min	16	<i>Robot and Frank</i> (2012) NR, 85 min
23	<i>Invasion of Astro-Monster</i> (1970) G, 94 min	23	<i>The Help</i> (2011) PG-13, 146 min
30	<i>Rise of the Guardians</i> (2012) PG, 97 min	30	<i>War of the Arrows</i> (2012) R, 122 min

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH’S STAR: Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, by 6 pm. Bring items copy ready to the library. You may put them under the door or in the Book Return when the library is closed.